

and the Appropriations Committee to include a similar BUILD UP set-aside in a final FY2021 appropriations package.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ROBERT EDINGTON

**HON. TERRI A. SEWELL**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Robert Edington, a military veteran, former Alabama State Senator and Representative, prominent Mobile area lawyer, dedicated community leader and devoted husband and father. His many years of service to his state and to his country demonstrate his patriotism, his servant heart and his commitment to our American values.

Robert Edington was born in Mobile, Alabama to Judge David Henry Edington and Cornelia Owen Edington on November 18, 1929. He studied at Rhodes College as an undergraduate and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama. In addition to his distinguished military career, Robert practiced law in Mobile, Alabama for over sixty years, establishing himself as one of the pre-eminent lawyers in the area.

A veteran, Robert served on active duty with the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955, and in the Navy Active Reserve from 1955 until his retirement as a Commander in 1980. Robert's exemplary service record was evident in the many awards, medals and accolades he earned throughout his years of selfless service. As Navy Air Operations Officer, Robert was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Battle Stars; the China Service Medal; the United Nations Service Medal; and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Robert further served his state and his country in the Alabama State Legislature, first as a State Representative from 1962 to 1970; and then as State Senator from 1970 to 1974. During his time in the State Legislature, Robert was instrumental in the creation of the University of South Alabama, the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and the development of Bishop State Community College. He also played a lead role in establishing the Alabama Historical Commission and was recognized for his efforts by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C. with their national award.

Robert also authored legislation which created the USS Alabama Battleship Commission. Seeing his vision through, Robert served on the commission in during its creation in 1963 through 1972 and later served as its Chairman. During this period, Robert also located and arranged for the Alabama OS2U's transfer and relocation. Owing to his leadership and dedication, Robert was again appointed to the Battleship Commission in the year 2000.

Robert has also served as State President and National Director of the Navy League of the United States. In this capacity, he actively supported port visits of U.S. Navy vessels for important occasions, including Mardi Gras. He has also served as President of the CSS Alabama Association USA, where he has overseen tremendous fundraising and artifact re-

covery. Notably, he oversaw the restoration of a historic cannon which is now on display in the History Museum of Mobile.

A dedicated member of the Mobile, Alabama community, Robert was Mobile's Consul to Guatemala for twenty years and organized Mobile's first trade mission to Central America. For his efforts, he was awarded the U.S. Department of Commerce's Achievement Award.

Robert served on the National Advisory Board for the U.S. Small Business Administration. He was a member of the Mobile Kiwanis Club and the American Legion. He was named *Alumnus of the Year* in 2008 by Rhodes College; and served as Director of the Mobile Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer's Program. In 2007, Robert's outstanding contributions to the community were acknowledged when he received the Mobilian of the Year Award. In 2012, Robert received the distinguished honor of being named the 2012 Mobile Area Veteran of the Year.

Robert married the love of his life, Patricia Gentry, on June 2, 1962, and together they raised a son Sherard (Courtney Hollins) and a daughter Virginia. He is also survived by his beloved granddaughter, Courtney. Robert was an elder at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church where he taught Sunday school for many years. He also chaired the board of the Montreat Association.

On personal note, I am honored to call Robert and Pat Edington my dear friends and I am blessed to be influenced by their wise counsel and infectious commitment to community service. Robert led by example, dedicating his life to love of God, country, family and community. He was always willing to work to improve the lives of others. From his military career to his political and civic engagement, Robert has left an indelible mark on the city of Mobile and the state of Alabama. May we find comfort in knowing that his extraordinary legacy will live on in the many people he impacted.

On behalf of the Alabama Congressional Delegation, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the exemplary life and accomplishments of Robert Edington.

#### HONORING CLIFFORD SPIEGELMAN, PH.D.

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Clifford Spiegelman of College Station, Texas, who passed away on 14 May 2020.

Dr. Spiegelman, known as Cliff to his family and friends, was born on 15 May 1948 in Long Island, New York, to Charlie and Doris Spiegelman.

In school, he was an accomplished athlete and won numerous awards for track and other sports. He also excelled in the classroom and pursued a career in academics, receiving his bachelor of science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1970, his master's degree in managerial economics from Northwestern University in 1973, and his Ph.D. in statistics and applied mathematics from Northwestern University in 1976.

Cliff started his career with the agency now known as the National Institute of Standards

and Technology, commonly called NIST. He later became a tenured professor at the Department of Statistics at Texas A&M University.

Serving on the faculty at Texas A&M for over 30 years, Cliff became renowned in his field and a highly sought-after expert in the application of statistical expertise to forensic science, chemistry, and medicine. In 2009, he was named a distinguished professor of statistics, the university's highest rank for faculty. His contributions to the field of statistics were further recognized in his appointment as a regents professor in 2019.

Cliff was particularly known for his helpful nature and deep commitment to justice and fairness in the criminal justice system. He was nationally recognized for his research on statistical interpretation of criminal evidence, such as bullet fragment analysis and firearm tool marks.

He was a fierce advocate of accuracy by investigators to prevent false convictions. He further expanded his advocacy through his work with the Innocence Project, testifying pro bona in evidentiary admissibility hearings and providing research that played critical roles in overturning false convictions of innocent individuals.

His commitment to justice extended outside of the courtroom as well. He served on the Texas Forensic Science Commission as well as the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission, where he worked to ensure that the death statistics of the Holocaust and other genocides are reliably reported.

Dr. Spiegelman leaves a professional legacy that is unmatched in his field. However, his proudest accomplishments were outside of the workplace.

Cliff married Dr. Katherine Bretzlaff in 1990, a fellow professor at Texas A&M. Together, they raised two daughters, Lindsey and Abigail, who each carry their parents' commitments to academic excellence, strong work ethic, and kindness to those around them.

In the tributes written by the many individuals and organizations positively impacted by Cliff's work, nearly all spoke of Cliff's pride in his family and his frequent excitement to share the achievements of his daughters.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Clifford Spiegelman's life was defined by his outstanding accomplishments as a professor, mentor, and expert in statistics, as well as his commitment to his family and friends. He will be forever remembered for his strong principles and commitment to excellence and as a devoted husband, father, and friend.

My wife, Gina, and I offer our deepest and heartfelt condolences to the Spiegelman family. I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to honor the life, legacy, and service of Dr. Clifford Spiegelman.

#### CASE FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS

**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, without question, student success starts in the classroom. For months, kitchen tables have turned into study areas, living

rooms have turned into makeshift classrooms, and parents have taken it upon themselves to educate their children.

However, as we approach what would be the start of a new school year, new challenges for these families lie on the horizon.

Can parents devote more time to their children's education while maintaining their own job responsibilities?

Madam Speaker, I cannot stress this point enough: we must safely reopen schools so students do not run the risk of falling further behind.

The American people are counting on Congress to act, and we can't wait a second more.

TRIBUTE TO COL. EDWIN DENT  
SELBY

**HON. VERN BUCHANAN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Col. Edwin Dent Selby of St. Petersburg, Florida, a World War II veteran who will be 100 years old on October 16, 2020. He was born in 1920 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where his father, a career Army officer was stationed. He and his brother and sister were raised in many states and the Philippines.

After attending college at the New Mexico Military Institute, he began active duty as a 2nd Lieutenant on December 27, 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. His training started on horseback in the Cavalry branch and later transitioned to tanks in the Armor branch. He served over three years in WW II in combat theaters in North Africa and Italy. At one time he was placed in charge of 5,000 German prisoners of war. His outstanding service led him to be assigned to a high level staff position in Italy at the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army (MTOUSA), Allied Force Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command.

Upon his return stateside he met and married 1st Lieutenant Elizabeth Moffat, a U.S. Army nurse. After post war service in Vienna, Austria, he was assigned as a tank gunnery instructor at the Armor school at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In 1957 he, his wife and four children moved to Taiwan (then Formosa) where he was an armor advisor with the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG). While there, his beloved wife became suddenly ill and died. He returned to St. Petersburg, Florida, as a widower with four children 10 and under where he was placed in charge of the Army reserve units on the west coast of Florida. After over 21 years of service he retired as a Colonel in 1962.

Following his retirement, he started Selby Real Estate in St. Petersburg. It was a highly successful brokerage which eventually grew to have 100 sales associates who covered much of Pinellas County. He bought and later personally operated with his wife, Janice, a 100-acre citrus grove in Parrish, Florida, where they grew, sold and shipped worldwide 25 varieties of fruit. He later expanded the grove to include a llama and emu ranch. At the age of nearly 85 he finally retired from his third career to his home in St. Petersburg Beach

where he lives today with his wife Janice. He has enjoyed a fulfilling life of service to others and has lived very active life that included swimming, horseback riding, skiing, tennis, golf and travelling.

I appreciate this opportunity to honor him for his service and wish him a happy birthday.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOAN DOWD  
ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 42  
YEARS OF SERVICE TO CATHOLIC  
EDUCATION

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joan Dowd who is retiring from teaching after 42 years of service to Catholic education. Joan was honored with a surprise parade at Holy Rosary School on June 6, 2020.

The daughter of Joseph and Ann Baker, Joan was born on August 22, 1952 in Pittston, Pennsylvania. Committed to her faith from a young age, she grew up attending St. Mary's Assumption Church along with her two sisters, Barbara and Joyce, and she was the third generation in her family to attend St. Mary's Assumption elementary school. Joan went on to study at St. John's High School and at Marywood University.

After graduating from college in 1976 with a degree in health and physical education and a certificate in elementary and special education, Joan was hired as the assistant girls' basketball coach at St. John the Evangelist School. She then went on to coach the girls' basketball team at St. Mary's Assumption, leading her team to a league championship.

Joan began her teaching career as a substitute at St. Anthony's School in Dunmore. In 1978, she returned to her alma mater, St. Mary's Assumption, where she taught second grade for the next 33 years. In addition to teaching her students the traditional school subjects, she helped them grow in their faith and guide them through receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. Joan devoted her time to the school community by volunteering for committees and extra-curricular activities, including the school's forensics team.

When St. Mary's Assumption closed its doors in 2011, Joan was undeterred and remained committed to Catholic education. She accepted a new post as the second-grade teacher at Holy Rosary School in Duryea, Pennsylvania. During her tenure as an educator, she taught generations of students and fostered lifelong relationships with her students, their parents, and her colleagues.

Joan lives in Pittston with her husband, Michael and dog, Charley. They have two sons, Kevin and Brian and one grandchild, Rory.

It is an honor to congratulate Joan on her retirement after 42 years of teaching in the Diocese of Scranton's Catholic school system. As an educator, her commitment to her students and school community was unmatched, and under her tutelage, her students received a first-rate education while learning many important life lessons. I wish her a restful and enjoyable retirement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEWIS  
MERRIMAN BUTTERY

**HON. BILL FLORES**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 30, 2020*

Mr. FLORES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Lewis Merriman Buttery of Lampasas, Texas, who passed away on 20 December 2008. Lewis Buttery was born on 20 March 1924 in San Angelo, Texas, to Albert James and Dorothy Hoss Buttery.

On his 18th birthday, just 3 months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he attempted to enlist in the United States Navy. He had hoped to join his older brothers in service—one, an Army artillery officer, and the other, a naval aviator. Unfortunately, Lewis was denied enlistment at that time due to health issues.

This denial only strengthened his resolve to serve his country. Each month he attempted to enlist until he was finally accepted and sworn in on 20 October 1942.

Lewis was called to Active Duty in June of 1943 and was sent to the University of Texas to continue pursuit of his engineering degree. He was later sent to Midshipmen School at Columbia University in New York. In March 1944, Lewis was commissioned as an ensign and ordered to San Francisco to complete gunnery school.

He was ultimately assigned to *USS Patrol Craft Escort 880* in Adak, Alaska, as a gunnery officer.

In preparation for the invasion of Japan, his ship was converted into a weather ship, and he became the areological, (weather) officer. The ship was transferred to the Marshall-Gilbert Islands area to transmit weather observations and to guide Army Air Corps bombers which were preparing the way for the invasion of Japan. The invasion did not occur due to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, after which Japan quickly surrendered.

Prior to being released to Inactive Duty in the Ready Reserve in July 1946, he became the executive officer of the ship and was promoted to lieutenant junior grade.

Lewis was called back to Active Duty in June 1950 at the start of the Korean war, but his orders were canceled before he could reach his ship in San Diego. Ultimately, Lieutenant Buttery received an honorable discharge in 1954.

Following World War II, Mr. Buttery came home and finished his degree in chemical engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He also married Virginia Kerzee in Limestone County, Texas, raised a family, and had a successful career.

Lewis was also a student of maps and cartography. Prior to the war in 1941, he completed courses in surveying and mapping at Texas A&M University and continued that avocation through the rest of his life. During his extensive work-related travels, Mr. Buttery collected numerous atlases and maps, which he and his wife later donated to the University of Texas at Arlington's Cartographic History Library.

He was a founding member of the Texas Map Society and author of numerous monograph and facsimile portfolios devoted to early Texas. One of his works, entitled, "Regional Maps of Texas: 1720–2001; Region 1 North